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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SENATOR PASTORE ON BEHALF OF ROBERT ENGLES,  
CHURCH TRAVEL AGENCY

REF: STATE 017394

1. TRADE COMPLAINT BETWEEN ROBERT T. ENGLES, PRESIDENT OF CHURCH TRAVEL AGENCY, INC., PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, AND MR PANDELIS PERDIKARIS OF CORFU PLAZA TRAVEL SERVICE, FIRST CAME TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION OCTOBER 2, 1974. EMBASSY UNABLE CONTACT PERDIKARIS AND SO INFORMED ENGLES ON OCTOBER 8. ENGLES IN DECEMBER 4, 1974 LETTER INFORMED EMBASSY THAT MR NORMAN PRESTAGE, AGENCY'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR OLYMPIC AIRLINES, HAD GONE TO CORFU TO SECURE REFUND, BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. EMBASSY ACKNOWLEDGED LETTER DECEMBER 18, 1974 AND SENT LAWYERS LIST

2. EMBASSY NEXT RECEIVED LETTER DATED DECEMBER 17, 1975 FROM ENGLES, IN WHICH HE STATED HE WAS OFFERED A REFUND OF \$1,800 LESS A 14,000 DRACHMAS CANCELLATION CHARGE. ENGLES ASKED FOR FULL REFUND OF \$1,800. ENGLES INFORMED BY EMBASSY JANUARY 16 THAT RESULTS OF INQUIRIES WOULD BE SENT ASAP

3. EMBASSY TODAY FINALLY ABLE TO CONTACT MR. P. PERDIKARIS AT CORFU TRAVEL SERVICE WHO STATED HE WILLING REFUND SUM OF 40,000 DRACHMAS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF MR ENGLES IN GREECE, KEEPING 14,000 DRACHMAS AS CANCELLATION CHARGE. ALTERNATIVELY, HE WILL GRANT CHURCH TRAVEL SERVICE A CREDIT OF 54,000 DRACHMAS TO BE USED BY ITS CLIENTS IN GREECE. FYI: NOTE THAT PERDIKARIS IS USING 1974 EXCHANGE RATE OF 30 DRACHMAS TO DOLLAR

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TO COMPUTE AMOUNT OWED ENGLS. AT TODAY'S RATE OF EXCHANGE  
OF 35.50 DRACHMAS TO THE DOLLAR, TOTAL REFUND SHOULD BE  
63,900 DRACHMAS. END FYI

4. MR PERDIKARIS ALSO STATED THAT CURRENCY COMMITTEE OF BANK  
OF GREECE REFUSED EXPORT PERMIT BECAUSE HE COULD NOT PRESENT  
RECEIPTS SHOWING IMPORT OF FUNDS INTO GREECE FROM CHURCH TRAVEL  
SERVICE. PERDIKARIS STATED HE NEGLECTED SECURE RECEIPT  
(PINK SLIP) FROM BANK OF GREECE AT TIME FUNDS CONVERTED INTO  
DRACHMAS

5. EMBASSY ALSO CONTACTED NATIONAL TOURIST ORGANIZATION (NTO) WHICH  
UNABLE TRACE ANY REQUEST BY PERDIKARIS FOR EXPORT OF FUNDS. THEY  
ALSO IN CONTACT WITH OLYMPIC AIRLINES REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK,  
MR SKAVOS, RE REFUND. NTO REPRESENTATIVES WILL SEND COPIES OF ALL  
RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE TO EMBASSY AND WILL AGAIN ATTEMPT CONTACT  
PERDIKARIS

6. COMMENT: PERDIKARIS MUST PROVE SOURCE OF FUNDS TO BE  
REFUNDED BEFORE EXPORT OF DOLLARS WILL BE PERMITTED BY CURRENCY  
COMMITTEE. NTO HAS BEEN ASKED TO INTERCEDE WITH COMMITTEE RE  
MATTER SHOULD PERDIKARIS SUBMIT APPLICATION. HOWEVER, AS STATED  
ABOVE, HE WILLING REFUND ONLY 40,000 DRACHMAS, WHICH AT TODAY'S  
RATE EQUALS \$1,126.76. AT THIS POINT EMBASSY CAN ONLY SUGGEST  
ENGLS RETAIN SERVICES LOCAL ATTORNEY USING LIST OF ATTORNEYS  
SENT TO HIM WITH OUR REPLY OF DECEMBER 18.  
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